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SUBJECT: JOINT FRG-FINNISH DECLARATION: AD REFERENDUM
AGREEMENT

REF: (A) BONN 15893, NOV 2, 1973, (B) BONN A-767, DEC 21,
1973

1. FONOFF NORTHERN EUROPE DEPT CHIEF INFORMS US THAT,
DURING NEGOTIATIONS LAST WEEK IN HELSINKI, FRG POLITICAL
DIRECTOR VAN WELL AND FINNISH FONMIN LEGAL DEPT CHIEF
GUSTAVSON REACHED AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON A JOINT FRG/
FINNISH DECLARATION. THE DECLARATION IS TO BE PRESENTED
SHORTLY TO THE FINNISH CABINET FOR APPROVAL AND PROBABLY
WILL BE INITIALED AT THE END OF MARCH IN BONN BY VAN
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WELL AND GUSTAVSON. THE DECLARATION WOULD BE SIGNED BY

THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BONN IN THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE THEREAFTER.

2. THE FIVE-PARAGRAPH DECLARATION, WHICH FONOFF REP
PERMITTED EMBOFF TO READ, IS BUILT AROUND FRG PLEDGE TO
RESPECT FINNISH POLITICAL NEUTRALITY. PARA 1 STATES
AGREEMENT ON NON-USE OF FORCE, AND THE USE OF PEACEFUL,
DIPLOMATIC MEANS PURSUANT TO U.N. CHARTER IN SETTLING
DISPUTES. PARA 2 STRESSES SUPPORT OF FRG AND FINLAND
FOR CONTINUING EAST/WEST DETENTE AND COOPERATION. PARA 3
STATES THAT FRG RESPECTS THE FINNISH WISH TO REMAIN OUT-
SIDE OF THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF THE GREAT POWERS AND
FURTHER RESPECTS FINLAND'S NEUTRALITY POLICY. IN PARA 3,
WHICH IS DRAWN FROM 1948 SOVIET/FINNISH TREATY, FRG
VALUES THE FINNISH WISH TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS
WITH ALL STATES AND ESPECIALLY ITS NEIGHBORS AND THE
STATES OF THE BALTIC REGION. PARA 4 ENTAILS MUTUAL
PLEDGE TO DEVELOP BILATERAL FRG/FINNISH RELATIONS. PARA
5 DEALS WITH OUTSTANDING LEGAL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS
BY SAYING THAT PRE-WWII DEBTS AND CLAIMS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN REGULATED IN THE LONDON AGREEMENT OF FEB 27, 1953.
THE FRG AGREES THAT OUTSTANDING PRE-WAR DEBTS AND CLAIMS
CAN STILL BE EXAMINED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE
LONDON AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WWII CLAIMS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN RESOLVED (ZURUECKGESTELLT) AND CAN NO LONGER
BE EXAMINED.

3. FONOFF REP OFFERED TO PROVIDE US WITH FULL TEXT AFTER
DECLARATION INITIALED.
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